

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Last Days "Perilous Times" Have Come Upon All The World!

A CALL TO WALK SOFTLY

We Are Living in Paul's Perilous Times,
But we Must Still Preach Holiness.

HOLD UP THE STANDARD AND PUSH AHEAD.

It is true we have never seen such a time as this. Our ancestors, and former religious workers have talked about these days, always pointing out that they were in the future, but it is our lot to live in the very days they have talked about.

The development of the past ten years has been so marked with the fulfillment of Scripture prophecy that one who is really a student of the Bible can hardly hold his head. He sees the rapid approach of the coming of our Lord that has been looked for so long. He finds himself almost unconsciously looking upward to behold the bright place in the sky. When we are truly awake, and realize the very time this is we want to tread very quietly, and thus we feel it the time for a call to walk softly, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

I suppose the old wailing place of the Jews has been abandoned since Jerusalem has fallen into the hands of England. It is only a matter of time until the Jews will have their country restored to them so it can no more be said of them, "A nation without a country."

This may be the "time of Jacob's trouble," it also looks like it is the time of his blessing. I do not say it is true, but there are indications that England and the United States are the fulfillment of Jacob's blessings upon the sons of Joseph. (Gen. 48:19.) England as Manasseh and the United States as Ephraim. It also looks as if the same nations come under the blessing pronounced upon Joseph. (Gen. 49:22-26.) And these are for the last days. (Gen. 49:1.)

No matter whether this is the time of Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30:7), or Jacob's blessing, or both, we know it is a time when God's people should walk very softly before Him and be perfect. (Matt. 5:48.) The words of Jesus are fulfilled where he says, "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: and these are the beginnings of sorrows." (Mark 13:8.) All of these are upon the world now. The papers report thousands upon thousands dying of hunger. Earthquakes are common. "Pestilences" (Matt. 24:7.) are stalking through almost all lands, and visiting almost every home, until sorrow upon sorrow is falling upon the people everywhere. Then is it not truly a time to walk softly before the Lord?

It looks to me like shows, and dances, and theaters, and all other places of amusement, ought to close out and those who attend such places, stop their foolishness and get ready to die, because death is showing no favors. He walks into the homes of the wealthy as well as those in poverty. The undertakers and coffin factories are reaping a harvest and cannot supply the demand for decent burials.

No one knows where death is going to strike next. States-

men, governors, soldiers, both officers and privates, teachers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, preachers, all classes and all ages are being swept hastily into eternity with scarcely any notice. Time of trouble? yes, and the very worst sort of trouble. Time to walk softly? yes, indeed! No time for foolishness now unless people thus engaged want to drop into hell almost the next minute. No time for lightness; no time for idleness; no time to spend time or money foolishly, unless people do not care to go to the judgment with guilt heaped upon them so as to press them deeper into the billows of hell.

Truly, we are living in Paul's perilous times, but we must still preach holiness. Some do not seem to think we are living in the time of the fulfillment of the sixth chapter of Revelation, but if we are not, we are living in a time that things are happening similar to the description given there. We have had the sword, and the hunger is on now and has been more or less for three years, death is doing its deadly work. Physicians call it influenza, but I notice death claims the victims, and snatches them out of the hands of the physicians and they are compelled to stand aside and let their patients go. They call it double pneumonia, but it is death eventually.

The opening of the fourth seal gives a pretty good description of what is stalking over the world now. "And behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." (Rev. 6:8.) If it is true that this is the time for the fulfillment of this prophecy (I do not say that it is or is not), then since the sword has done its deadly work and destroyed its millions in the world war just closed (but may not be fully over yet), and the ravages of hunger and death that are still slaying their multitudes, the next is to be the beasts of the earth. I take it that one fourth part of the population of the world is to be destroyed by war, starvation, death and the beasts of the earth.

Although the death rate has been enormous during the last four years, yet it has hardly reached the one fourth mark yet. But it is not done yet. I do not know what is meant by the destruction by the "beasts of the earth." I used to suppose that this meant the wild ferocious beasts, such as tigers, lions, bears, wolves, etc., but I do not know that this means wild beasts only. Webster says that any four-footed animal is a beast. Then how do we know but what a craze will suddenly seize the common domestic animals until they will engage in this awful slaughter of the people of earth? The house cat, the pet house dogs and all dogs, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, squirrels,

rabbits, foxes and all others that are common the world over.

People are scared now, and many have refused to visit their neighbors and wait on them in sickness because they were afraid of the "flu," but what will the fear be when such a craze possesses the common animals, if it does, until their bite will be almost sure death? I do not know when the beasts of the earth will get in their deadly work, neither do I know what kind of beasts will be formed into this great army of destroyers, but I do know that this is a time to walk softly before God.

Listen to the voice of Jesus concerning the last days, and there is no question about these being the last days. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21:25,26.) There have been signs in the sun, and in the moon and in the stars. There may be more signs yet. There is now distress of nations, with perplexity. Look at Russia, Germany, Turkey, Austria-Hungary, and in fact, many of them. They are in distress, and in such a state of perplexity that the most able statesmen and the most skilled diplomats are not able to see what the outcome is going to be.

The world is in an awful jumble. A state of perplexity exists almost everywhere. Nobody knows what will happen next. They are planning for peace and safety, but national heads are afraid of each other. They do not know what will transpire at the peace conference that is to assemble in the near future. Nobody knows. But Paul made a positive statement when he said, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction shall come upon them, and they shall not escape." (1 Thes. 5:3)

The children of God should hold themselves in readiness similar to the way the children of Israel did when they were waiting for the command to leave Egypt. They ate the pascal supper with their shoes on their feet and their staffs in their hands, in a hurry, and ready to go. This is a call to walk softly but all the time ready to go. And do not slumber and sleep while the Bridegroom tarries. While we wait we must continue to preach holiness. Tell the people "Except they repent they will perish" with the other people. Tell them to get sanctified wholly and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Repeat over and over again the message given by the writer of Hebrews, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14.) No matter if we are living in Paul's perilous times, we must still preach holiness. We must hold up the standard and push ahead.

Sister Jael went softly when she was approaching Sisera, Israel's enemy, when she went with hammer and nail in hand to slay him. (Judges 4:21.) Ruth went softly as she approached Boaz, who was to become her husband. (Ruth 3:7.) Ahab went softly after he heard special words from the mouth of Elijah the prophet. (1 Kings 21:27.) All of these examples

show that in special times of danger they went softly. Ahab was afraid. He humbled himself and succeeded in warding off the blows he feared would come upon him. Ruth was afraid, but she was acting in obedience to the advice of her mother-in-law, and won a good husband and home for herself and her mother-in-law. Jael was afraid, but she went so softly that the enemy of Israel was not disturbed, so she accomplished her purpose.

We may be afraid, but by walking softly we may be better able to accomplish our purpose. And our purpose is to preach holiness all over the world. Must not be harsh. Must not be rough and ill behaved, but walking softly will make us more able to comply with the requirements described by the apostles. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing." (1 Pet 3:8,9.) Treat people with respect and always be polite in their presence. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph 4:31,32.)

Walk softly, be tender, be gentle, show the people that are yet in sin that you love them. The world needs sympathy and love. They may appreciate our kindness now while there is so much trouble. Now is our time to work for God. When the Lord's "judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isa. 26:9.) The judgments are now upon the earth in many different forms, and if we will walk softly and preach holiness, and hold up the standard and push ahead we may expect a harvest of souls.

Do not wait till the middle of the year to commence this, but do it now, and keep it up all the time. Truly the time is short and there is much to be done. The standard must be held up, but this must be done with tenderness and love to be the most effective and produce the best results. Walk softly my friend, walk softly for your own good and the good of others.

We Walk by Faith.

(Sel. by Mattie Lemons.)

God never would send you the darkness;

If He saw you could bear the light,

But you would not cling to His guiding,

If the way were always bright;

And you would not walk by simple faith,

Could you always walk by sight,

'Tis true He has many an anguish

For your sorrowing heart to bear,

And many a cruel thorn grown

For your weary head to wear;

He knows how few would reach heav'n

If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness,

And the furnace of seven-fold heat;

'Tis the only way, believe me,

To keep you close to His feet,

For 'tis always so easy to wander,

When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hands in your Father's

And sing if you can, as you go,

Your song may cheer some behind you

Whose courage is sinking low:

And, well, if your lips do quiver

God will love you better when 'tis so.

The Gospel in The Old Testament

JOHN E. ATTEY.

"Unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them." Heb. 4:2.

The great plan of redemption has been in operation ever since man fell. Jesus Christ is the central figure of this plan. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

This applies to all ages, for Christ is the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8. It is a mistake to suppose that there have been two plans of salvation—one for the patriarchs and Hebrews living before the cross, and another for Christians of the present dispensation. It is a mistake to suppose that old Testament sinners were forgiven and saved through obedience to the law without faith in the atonement and pardoning love of Christ. It is equally a mistake to suppose that we of the New Testament dispensation are saved by the Gospel of Christ, while disregarding the law of God.

Faith in Christ brings pardon for past sins. His abiding presence and transforming power of the Holy Ghost enables us to obey the requirements of the law of God, and so prepare and fit us to dwell with the holy angels throughout eternity.

The word "gospel" means good news—good news of redemption through Jesus Christ. How long has this Gospel been proclaimed? Was it first given in the time of Christ? Or was it first made known to Moses or Abraham? When God proclaimed to the first guilty pair that the seed of woman (Christ) should bruise the serpent's (Satan's) head (Gen. 3:15), He gave them the Gospel or good news, that Christ would overcome Satan and open a way of escape for fallen man. In this promise to Adam and his posterity, we hear the Gospel of the Redeemer as truly as did the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem, as they listened to the wonderful anthem from the angel choir, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

Abel's faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ made his offering acceptable to God. The fire that came from heaven and consumed his sacrifice, was the testimony from God that his faith in Christ and his compliance with the requirements of God had brought him pardon and justification by faith. Heb. 11:4.

Cain, while professedly obedient, had a heart full of rebellion and unbelief. The love of Christ had no place in his sacrifice, therefore it was rejected by heaven. With it there was no recognition of the wonderful provisions of the Gospel; hence his offering brought no forgiveness, no justification, for there was no exhibition of faith. Envy and hatred of his brother sprang up in the heart of Cain, because the love of Christ had no place in him. Then followed the awful tragedy of the murder of Abel, which was the first death the world had known. "And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." 1 John 3:12.

Cain's offering of the fruits of

the ground was not in accordance with God's plan. Such an offering could not in any way represent the atoning blood of Christ, for Paul says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrew 9:22. Evil thoughts lead to evil deeds. If the love of Christ dwells not in our hearts, hatred is sure to take possession.

The Gospel was preached to Abraham. "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, 'In thee shall all nations be blessed.'" Gal. 3:8. Paul here quotes from Gen. 22:18, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." In Gal 3:16, Paul says this "seed" is Christ. Through the wonderful mercy of God, Christ was preached to Abraham, and this was the Gospel of justification by faith—the same as we have it.

Moses and the children of Israel had the Gospel, for Paul says "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Heb. 4:2. Here the apostle treats it as a well known fact that their fathers had the Gospel. He states that we have the Gospel as well as they. The same Gospel their fathers had received was then being proclaimed by the apostles.

All the sacrifices and offerings of the old dispensation simply showed forth man's faith in the coming of a Messiah. When properly offered, they were the very strongest evidence of faith in, and acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Without this faith, the Levitical sacrifices could be of no more avail than was the offering of Cain. This faith was not cherished by those who came out of the bondage of Egypt, hence they were compelled to wander in the wilderness forty years, until their carcasses fell by the way, and a generation that had faith in God had taken their places. Two faithful ones alone of all the vast company that left Egypt—Caleb and Joshua—finally entered the Promised land.

The brazen serpent (Num. 21:3) was an object lesson, teaching the children of Israel of the Christ to come. "Look and live" is the true test of faith in Christ. As one look at the brazen serpent set up in view of all the camp of Israel, brought life and health to the sufferer, so one look at the crucified One of Calvary, brings life and salvation to the repentant sinner.

Christ gives connection between the raising up of the serpent in the wilderness and His own crucifixion thus: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." Jno. 3:14. Later, He explains the object of this: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Jno. 12:32.

When the Israelites in the wilderness were suffering in the death agony occasioned by the bite of the fiery serpents, there was a power connected with that serpent of brass which attracted the attention of the sufferers, and all who turned and looked upon

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If any of the ministers have not yet been supplied with the monthly report forms they should write to Headquarters for them.

All the Evangelists that have not yet had their credentials renewed should remember that they are now and since Jan. 1, without authority to perform the duties of a minister. This is by order of the Assembly. If there are any more sent in they should be accompanied with a reason for the delay.

Brother Churchill, of Sapa, Miss., dropped in upon us last Sunday and spent the day with us. His music, songs and talks were enjoyed by all. He had been in a few days meeting at Rome Ga., and on his way home.

The Church of God Bible Training School opened last Monday morning again after a short vacation of one week. There are some new students in this term.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SUNDAY FALLS ON JAN. 12. NEXT TIME. PREPARE FOR THIS AND LET US ALL DO OUR BEST.

I wish I could express my appreciation to the many workers for the Evangel for their faithful service. I love them all dearly whether I ever get to see them or not. They prove by their works that they love the paper. They want their friends to read it, so they politely and lovingly ask them to subscribe and present it in such a manner that they get their subscription and send it in. God bless the army of workers.

The increase of subscriptions in Kentucky and North Carolina is specially noticeable. In the last few months they each have jumped up from a handful to enough to fill a mail bag almost full. This is very gratifying. Other states are progressing nicely also.

Last week we printed eleven thousand and fell short about 500 of supplying the demand. This week we are printing twelve thousand. This means that about sixty thousand people will read the good messages. We give this information for the encouragement of those who are interested and working for the little white winged messenger. Keep it up, beloved, we are making for the twenty thousand mark.

Let us commence now to prepare for the next General Assembly in November. We were deprived of the privileges and blessings of this great convention the past year on account of

the "Influenza Epidemic" that was raging, so we must prepare to double up and have a two-fold greater convention this year. Work hard, save your money for the expenses and make every preparation and be ready for the greatest gathering we have ever had.

Do your best for the foreign mission collection tomorrow, Sunday Jan. 12. Let the ministers talk or preach on missions that day and make a special effort. This must be the greatest year for the Church of God that we have ever known.

We hear of great revivals already breaking out and many are receiving the Holy Ghost. Hope every preacher and worker will press the battle this year. I seem to feel the coming of the great cyclonic wave that is surely going to sweep through the world in great revival power this year. My very bones seem to be on fire now as I write these notes. Fire up, brother, or you may not be in the wave when it comes.

Many have begun with this year to pay their tithes that never did before. Those who claim they do not have the light on paying tithes will get in darkness soon on other lines if they do not brush away the fog and mist of doubts and unbelief that are now beclouding their minds and rush on with the throng of tithepayers that are now doing their duty on this line.

Chronic fault-finders and objectors cannot hold the great Church of God back to their old staked notions. We are walking in the light and this means constant and rapid progress. System, government, push, run, jump, shout, fly, and salvation roll like a mighty flood are some of the things that are required to meet the demand of the times now. Old stale foggy notions will not work now. If you have not got the push, zeal and enthusiasm, you will have to get it or be left behind. This is to be a year of great push and victory.

While you are pushing and working don't forget to boom and boost and work for the Evangel. Remember that it will preach after you are gone, and if you get it in a home, that will mean a preacher in the family every week. The Evangel is the one mighty factor that tells for good everywhere it goes. Send for extra copies and subscription blanks and consider yourself a special representative of the greatest paper in the world representing the greatest institution in the world. It is certainly a great honor to be connected with such a great institution. Buy the tracts also and let us sow down the world with good holiness literature.

We have some more good news to tell you a little later. Guess what it is, and read every word of the paper for fear you will miss it.

We will begin to mail out the new report forms for the churches next week D.V. We feel sure the treasurers and churches will be pleased with them. They are simple, plain, and well arranged to assist you in keeping your records. If any church does not receive one in reasonable time write to headquarters and they will give the matter their special attention immediately.

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W. W. Rush, Pastor.

Sprott, Mo.

Rev. A. J. Tomlinson and Saints —Greetings in our Dear Master's Name:

I am glad I can report victory in my soul. Hallelujah!

We are living in perilous times when we should be very careful, and true to God and His cause.

I am writing this because I believe there are many true believers in pentecost that are still out of the true church, and are standing where I once stood. I want to write my experience for it may help some one. I am praying that all of God's blood-washed children will come into oneness.

"I am the true vine," (John 15:1) says Jesus. It is just as essential to have a true church. I am sure many will agree with me that the Church of God is the true church; yet there are others who are halting between two opinions. Why halt ye between two opinions? It is not what we think, but it is what God says that will stand in eternity. So it behooves us to be in the right church. Are you in it?

Take your Bible and turn to Eph. 5:26, 27, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word."

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

We now have before us the kind of church of which Christ is the Head.

If we are going to build a house, we want the very best material, so the structure will stand the storms. So it is with Christ. He wants the very best material in His church so she will stand the storms of persecutions, the tests, trials and all the false accusations.

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth." (Acts 8:32.) It takes having on the whole armor to belong to the great church for which Christ gave His life.

I am glad I have the privilege of belonging to this great church. It is your privilege also, if you will pay the price. The price is sometimes great, but the Church of God is worth it all.

I was a General Baptist and had credentials in that denomination, but I gladly laid all at Jesus' feet, and said, "I'm going through."

Let us see what the Bible says about the true church. Christ says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman."

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:1, 2.)

Let us see which church is measuring up to the Word. If any of the one thousand churches are teaching the whole Word and are measuring up to it, I say you will be safe in them, but if they do not have the signs following them (Mark says that these signs shall follow them) then you have not found the true church. You had better look for the light that is set on a hill which cannot be hid—the Church of God.

Paul went down to the church at Corinth and told them something new, something of which they had never heard. I shouldn't wonder if some of them rebelled and didn't want to accept this truth. Some people say in these days that speaking in tongues was only for the Apostles and not for us. Will some one please show me the dividing line between the Apostolic days and now?

Some people seem to think that all the churches are right, but according to the word that cannot be so. Paul says, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the

same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Cor. 1:10.)

There is only one body or one church. "For the body is not one member, but many." (1 Cor. 12:14.) Read 1 Cor. 12:25-31. You can readily see that a church without the proper gifts set in by the Father cannot be the church to which we referred you in Eph. 5:27.

We hear many preachers pray after this manner "Oh God, we trust this church has been planted by thy right hand and watered by the dew from heaven," then they go to fighting God's holy people who are walking in the light. May God help them to awake from their slumber and see the true light.

Turn to Matt. 15:13, "But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." The churches which God has not planted, shall be rooted up. I am living in a place where there are seven churches in a radius of six miles. Five of these churches are closed.

These are perilous times and all of God's people should come together in the true worship of God.

If anyone reads this who are halting between two opinions, let me ask you as one who loves you, to be honest with yourself and God. Lay aside that which is hindering you and come boldly to God, and He will show you that the Church of God is the true church. How can you stay out? Come, and feast upon the good things that God has in store for you.

I was once prejudiced against organization. I went to Eldorado, Ill., about one year ago. I heard a wonderful sermon on the church, but I still rebelled. I saw the strength of the church, and the way in which God was blessing but I was self-willed and would not yield.

One night during an altar service, the power of God fell in a wonderful way and a sister gave a message in tongues, and for the first time in life I received the interpretation which was, "This is your last chance to join the true church." Can you imagine my feelings? I at once went to Brother Barnett and told him that I wanted to join the true church, the Bride—the Church of God. Oh, what joy was mine, and now I am happy, and I am glad to say that "I am one of them today."

Brother, sister, come into the Church of God and help us win precious souls for our Master, that when we come to judgment we will not be empty-handed.

God has been with me in a more wonderful way since I have been in the Church of God than ever before.

John says, "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." So let us walk in the light that we may have fellowship one with another.

May God bless each one and keep you in the true way.

Your unworthy brother,
F. A. Hambrick.

Raton, N. Mex.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to praise God for the way He has touched my body in healing. I have been sick for a long time with heart trouble, but since some of the saints have prayed for me I am getting better, although I am yet very weak. I want the Evangel family to pray for me that I may have complete healing.

I want to thank God for healing my little brother of a bad sore on his hand. It had become so swollen and inflamed that he could not sleep, but when he was prayed for he became easy and went to sleep and the next day it was all gone, and he is now well.

Please pray for me that I may

walk in the way which God would have me go.

Yours in His name,
Elizabeth Canton.

THE GOSPEL IN
THE OLD TESTAMENT
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it were healed. Through the influence of the Holy Ghost, our Lord is working upon the hearts of men.

To the sinner He says, "I have been tempted just as you are." There is hope, courage and salvation in exchange for a look. Only look and live. Amen.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

As I read the paper week after week, and have never seen a testimony from here, I feel that I want to thank God for what He has done for me. I was a member of the Presbyterian church for nineteen years, but when I heard holiness preached I knew there was something more for me, and I sought the Lord. On the second day of August 1906, the Lord sanctified my soul, and filled me with the Spirit, and ever since He has kept me, praisie His holy name, and I mean to go all the way.

I have passed through dark places, but all along, my Savior guided me, and the light of His presence always cheered me and gave me courage to press on. I do wish there were some meetings here, but I thank God because I have Him, and He is above all.

Your sister in Christ,
Lucy Walters.

Live Oak, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for healing me. I was very sick with influenza for two days, and the second night two saints came in and prayed for me and I was healed. My father, brother-in-law, two brothers and my sister were healed of influenza.

I ask an interest in your prayers that I may be saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost.

A Seeker,
Lommie Meeks.

Dennis, Miss.

Dear Saints:

I praise God for full and free salvation. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Glory to Jesus! I want to be a soul winner for our Christ. It seems I can't do much but I want to do my best for Him who died for this lost world.

I am glad I am a member of the great Church of God. I have taken up my cross, and I am determined by the help of God to follow Him all the way.

We have prayer meetings here and four have received the Holy Ghost. I want the saints to pray that God will send us a good preacher, one that will preach the true gospel.

Please pray for my husband that God may have His way with him.

Your sister in Christ,
Evergreen Wigginton.

Request.

Please pray for my healing and that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray that my husband may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, that we may walk in the way of holiness together.

Your sister in Jesus,
Agness Powers.

Request.

I want to ask the saints to pray a special prayer for me that I may be healed. I am trusting God and I know He can heal me.

Your sister in Christ,
Lillian Vickers.

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"FOLLOW THOU ME"

MARY HOWELL

"Follow thou me," was Jesus' words to Peter, and again, "And what I say unto you I say unto all." So whatever Jesus said unto the disciples He truly said unto us that are His disciples today.

On one occasion He said, "Feed my lambs." Now there are lambs among the children of God today just as truly as there are lambs among the sheep out in the pasture, and they need choice feed, something that can be understood—the simple truths of the Gospel.

Sincere milk of the Word, that they may grow up and be strong. But we older ones need something more than milk.

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep," just as truly as He said "Feed my lambs," and many of God's sheep are perishing, failing to grow because of lack of food. We need something more than milk.

My heart is hungry for the deeper things of God. 1 Cor 11:1. Paul says, "Follow me as I follow Christ." We often sing, "I'll go all the way with Him," Paul says he is an ensample. Phil. 3:17 and again "We made ourselves ensample unto you to follow us." We must follow Paul as he followed Jesus. We see that Jesus suffered, Paul also suffered. Jesus was rejected, Paul also was rejected. Jesus was cast out, Paul was cast out. Did Jesus give up? Did Paul give up? No, a thousand times no, they kept right on until their work was finished.

In John 19:30 Jesus said, "It is finished." In 2 Tim. 4:7 Paul says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith—henceforth there is laid up for me a crown"—what a crown—a reward to all who will follow Jesus. Let us be more determined to follow than ever before.

I mean to follow where He leadeth.

Mentone, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are glad to report victory at Bankhead yet. Praise God! Brother Dover came and held a meeting for us, and God gave the victory. In the beginning of the meeting the devil raged in every way to hinder the work, but we kept praying until souls began to get through to God. One was saved, two sanctified, and four baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Brother Dover held up a high standard of living and a clean way and God honored his work by giving him souls for his labor. I praise God for this clean way. Dear saints, let us be true to God, not "walk after the flesh but after the Spirit," and do His will that we may have a right to the tree of life.

I feel that God has a work for me to do but hindered in some way, pray that God will open the way for me to go, and "obey God rather than man."

I need your prayers.

Your sister looking for Jesus,
Mrs. Minnie Ivons.

The Voice of God

SAM C. PERRY.

"For they know His voice." John 10:4. The voice is that organ by which we communicate our thoughts, wishes or commands to another.

God has a voice. He speaks to men. In all ages He has communicated to man His plan and purpose in him. He has given direction that His creatures might understand the object of their existence, and know the life which they should live to enjoy His highest favor and greatest blessings.

God's voice is not limited to a few muscular articulations as ours, but He may speak to man, His creature, in a thousand different ways if He chooses.

He, as the great Creator, has left every avenue of man's being open that He may have access, or that He may communicate, in whatever manner or time He may choose.

God's communications with man have not been confined to any particular age of intelligence or power, but in every age God has spoken to men that they might know His will and be able to perform it intelligently.

While it is true that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," yet all are without excuse. The loving God above has made ample provision for all, and has graciously communicated a knowledge of the same to all, that "whosoever will," may come and be saved.

In the beginning God spoke directly to His prophets, and they in turn delivered His Word, to the people, without any written word, and for hundreds of years God dealt with man in this way. It was in this age that Enoch "walked with God," and went home to glory without dying. In his case it must have been a very satisfactory walk, but why others did not walk with God as Enoch did we are not told. But one thing is sure, God spoke to men in those days.

Later, God's voice was heard through the law and the tabernacle service which was given through Moses. In every part of the service and its order God was speaking. However awkward and burdensome it all may look to us, of a later and better dispensation, through it all God was dwelling with and speaking to His people, and guiding their feet on toward that better and more glorious covenant which was yet to come. Still He did not confine Himself to these forms and ceremonies, entirely. But, at times He spoke to His people by an open vision or an audible voice, according to His own choosing. And, He, no doubt, to some extent, spoke directly to the individual conscience, without the employment of an audible voice or an open vision. He made men to know what He required of them in that day.

When Jesus came into the world God spoke in a more definite and direct way than He had before. In Heb. 1:1,2 we read, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." Jesus, then, spoke directly as the voice of God to man, and through Him there was a greater awakening to the demands of the Almighty. God was indeed speaking in the earth.

Pentecost ushered in an epoch of still greater revelation of, and communication with God. Those who enjoy this experience may not only have the possibility of a heavenly vision or revelation from God, but the presence of the abiding Comforter assures them of continued communion and fellowship with God through the Holy Ghost. God speaks to

them continually, yea, they walk with God, and they have sweet and continued union with Him.

God is speaking in the earth today. His own hear His voice and are awaking to those duties and that service which He enjoins upon them. But the unsaved, generally, will not hear. God may even speak in tones of thunder, but they heed it not. They will not hear, they will not see that God is "rising up to shake terribly the earth."

On every hand are the signs of God's call to this generation. Some time men will see, but it will be too late for the masses. For God shall speak in the judgment, too late, too late, will it be then to obtain His mercy, it will be the day of His vengeance and anger. When "His fury shall come up in His face."

Beloved, let us hear God's voice now and be ready for that day when it comes.

Keysville, Ga.

Notice.—Will Sister Mabel McDavid please communicate with Brother and Sister M. A. Parker at once.

Address, M. A. Parker, Keysville, Ga.

District Meeting at Perry, Fla.

We expect to be with our dear Brother Caruthers a few days in the third week in January. We especially desire the ministers and deacons to be present on the third Sunday for a special all day meeting. The churches in the district can do without your preachers that day. We will preach about the church and give special instructions. We are expecting every church to be represented with a good attendance.

F. J. Lee, Overseer of State.

Perry, Fla.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus:

I am so glad I ever found this wonderful Savior. He has done so much for me. He has saved and sanctified me and the Holy Ghost so sweetly abides, and too, He is my healer. Bless His dear name! I praise Him for the way He has healed our family of influenza. All the family, except husband, were sick at the same time, and some were very near death, but thank God, He healed every one of us. We used no remedies of any kind, we trusted God, and we have all been spared.

I praise the Lord for the Church of God—the pillar and ground of the truth. I am not afraid of her going down, I expect her to go up. I am looking forward to the time when every member will be on fire for God, every one shouting the victory and able to help some one else, when all will see eye to eye and speak the same thing.

To the members of the church, "Mark them which cause divisions." Mark 16:17. When you hear some one talking of leaving the Church of God, you may be sure they are not in it for the good they can do but for gain. Don't let any one persuade you to leave the fold. If you don't see everything just as the Assembly now teaches it, just hold on to God, look to Him and follow Him. Follow no man nor man's creed.

I am so glad the Lord will not let His honest children be deceived. He has promised to never leave nor forsake, and His promises are sure. If we are in doubt about something, we can get still before God and He will show us what is right.

I am sure that the ones who have rule over us are doing their best to help us on to perfection, and are following the Word.

Let us, as members of the great Church of God, get closer to God, and get to the place where we can help others. So many precious souls are on their way to an awful hell. We must pray

more, fast more and cry more than ever before. Let us do our best to get the precious truth to every lost soul around us.

We ask an interest in the prayers of every one that the Lord will have His way with us, as we enter into our new field of labor. We want to do our best for Him, who has done so much for us.

Your sister in Him,
Mrs. W. S. Caruthers.

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Minister Gone.

Samuel Lee Stanley born June 1, 1894, deceased at his home in Cleveland, Tenn., Dec. 30, 1918, aged 24 years 6 months, 29 days.

Brother Stanley is a native of Tennessee, having been born and raised in Rhea county. He was a hard working young man having been engaged in mining and moulding. He was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Chance Oct. 14, 1912. To this union was born one child.

Brother Stanley was converted Nov. 21, 1914, and in Dec. of the same year the Lord baptized him with the Holy Ghost. When he accepted salvation he went into the service of the Lord with all his might. It was not long after he was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost until he felt the call from God to preach the everlasting gospel. He, like

most other sincere souls, was rather reluctant and drew back from the great responsibility. While waiting, holding back, and rather undecided, he met with a serious accident while working in the mines that came very near ending his life. He was unconscious for some time, but when he came to his mind he promised the Lord that if He would heal him and restore his crushed form to health again he would preach and serve Him with all his might. The Lord healed him and he kept his promise and served Him faithfully. As an evangelist he was very successful, having led many precious souls to Christ. As a pastor he was loved and honored by his flocks, and was used of God in encouraging many of them to continue faithful until death.

His career as a minister was of short duration, but he worked with all his might while he did work.

When the influenza epidemic broke out he was faithful at the bedside of many sick ones until he was stricken with the dread disease himself. After many days of suffering he seemed to have almost regained normal condition, but still he was never strong any more. While he was still very unwell his mother was taken by the hand of death, and this added responsibility. His father was an invalid, and this was a care to him. He finally gave down again and had to take his bed. Many prayers were offered up for him but God saw fit to take him, having provided for him a better place than this world can afford.

Brother Stanley was loved by all who knew him. He was truly faithful unto death, so surely the bright crown is upon him now while his remains lie in the grave.

He leaves a father, five sisters, one brother, a wife and little daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. In his death his father loses a dutiful son, his wife a faithful and loving companion, and the church an efficient and faithful minister.

So it is, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Shamrock, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise to our Redeemer and Healer—the One who has stood by us for so many years; and I believe He will stand by us yet.

We are facing the most severe test that has ever come our way but we know God's Word is true. Our little boy, two and a half years old, is in a serious condition, and I take this opportunity of asking the thousands of saints to help us pray for him. Please pray as soon as you read this. We truly will give God the praise.

We are willing for God's will to be done. Pray for us that we may be humble, meek and pure in heart. We are longing to be just what God would have us be. The enemy often tries to pull us down so please pray for us.

Chas. Early and Wife.

Dunn, La.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to praise God for victory in my soul. Two years ago I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I am so glad I can trust Jesus. The Lord healed me of influenza. I am only eleven years old, but I can trust the Lord. I am so glad I know Jesus.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Jesus,
Lillie May Nash.

Lamison, Ala.

Dear Saints of the Church of God—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

The Lord has wonderfully blessed my home. My wife and little daughter have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

We have some wonderful prayer meetings in our neighborhood. Thanks be to God.

I praise God because we have found the Bible way, and because we have the Holy Ghost to teach us. I praise Him for ever sending Sister Mary Howell to us, also Brothers Luther Richard and Otis McCoy.

Please pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

May the love of God abide with you all. Amen.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
G. W. Maness.

Uvalda, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am so glad I ever learned to love God. I can't praise Him enough. I praise Him for the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost that keeps me sweet in my soul. I was saved in February 1916, and received the Holy Ghost in April 1916, and since that time I have never been able to tell the wonderful experience, which has been mine. The Lord has wonderfully been with me. He has healed me many times. He is all the world to me, and I am willing to live or die for Him. Glory to God!

I belong to the dear old Church of God, and I desire the prayers of the saints that my dear wife may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and also be a member of the great Church of God.

Your brother in Christ,
W. L. Rich.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Evangel—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I have desired many times to mingle my words of praise with others, but have always thought that there were others more worthy and gifted.

As the old year is about to close never to return again, and we see so many things that we have left undone, such little suffering for our Lord, such few prayers uttered in behalf of lost men, so many words spoken out of place, we rejoice because we can profit by our past experiences. We can begin the New Year with a renewed hope, and a stronger determination to do the entire will of God.

Beloved, how is your life? God has given us a guide. He has told us what to do, how and when. We all can't preach or

sing, but God has a work, a place for everyone, and has told us just what to do and how. We may substitute God's plans and accomplish the desired results; we may refuse to pay our tithes; we may not fear to speak evil of dignities; we may adorn ourselves as the world and refuse to heed the admonitions of the Assembly and go to heaven, but if we ever get there we will have to take a back seat, and give room for those more loyal.

Dear ones, how do you think of those who may see differently to you on some subject? How do you treat them? How do you speak to them? Do you think with the mind of Christ? Do you speak, or does the Christ within you speak?

We will examine the life of one who substituted his own plan for God's. Moses is the man. What did he do? God had the plan, the way, but Moses had one too.

God never gave to man a task or duty to perform that He did not give them detailed directions for its performance, and holds them accountable for the performance of it strictly in accordance with those directions.

When He sent Moses into Egypt to bring the Israelites out of bondage into a land of freedom, He gave the directions step by step, and it was by following these directions that the hardened king was overcome and the people rescued.

When the tabernacle was to be set up in the wilderness, God gave Moses explicit directions for every detail of the work, even telling him how many tacks to use and where to put them, and if one single tack had been left out of its place, or another added to the number the work would have been incomplete and not as the Lord commanded.

When the people clamored for water while in the wilderness, God told Moses to bring water from a rock and told him how to do it (Num. 20:8), but Moses did not this time obey the Lord. Instead of speaking to the rock, as the Lord commanded, he smote it. (Num. 20:11.) The end was accomplished, and the water came forth, and the people were satisfied. Did not the plan Moses substituted succeed? But for the obedience of Moses, he did not get to enter Canaan. (Num. 20:12.)

Let us take care how we substitute other methods of work for those God has given us.

During the past year my ambitions have been to be a scientific agriculturist, but I thank God, that now my only desire, only ambition is to be an instrument in God's hands to bring lost people to Him.

I have had to dispose of most of my library, which was mostly of an agricultural nature which I was twelve years in collecting. I may never be able to do much but what I may do for lost humanity will be appreciated by the One who died for me, and I know the reward is to those who obey.

I always want a smile for the depressed, a kind word for everyone, and a helping hand for all. I want to be more like Jesus every day. I want to do more for my Lord in the year 1919 than I have in 1918. Are you with me?

Live the life, and meet me in that land of happiness and sunshine.

Farewell,
W. A. McMickle.

Clara, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for blessing us so wonderfully in our watch-night meeting. A brother played the violin and we had some beautiful singing and the Lord was truly with us.

Your sister,
Ellen Shaw.

FINE BIBLE CASES



Dear brethren, one and all, who have been ordering Bible cases from me:

You have no doubt been advertising them among the brethren. I wish to notify you that I have turned the matter over to the Evangel office. I have sent to said office a large amount of assorted sizes ranging from 1½ x 5½ x 8 up to 2 x 6 x 9. Larger sizes can be furnished at an advance costs of 25c each additional one half inch. When ordering you should lay your song book on your Bible, then measure

the thickness, width and length. Write plainly. Example, 1½ x 5½ x 8. Then send your order accompanied with \$1.75 to the Evangel office and you will receive prompt attention. You will find these cases of great convenience to you in your work. They are made of a very high grade of mole-skin leatherette, absolutely water proof. God bless you all. You have an interest in my prayers. Your brother in Christ,

A. A. Carpenter,
Louisville, Ky.

Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints—Greeting in the Precious Name of Jesus:

Have just closed a meeting at Broxton, Ga. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word. A number were at the altar. One person went to the altar a sinner, and arose with the Holy Ghost. One was converted the last night we were there. The ground under the tent was so wet that we had to close the meeting.

Brother O. L. Harris was put in jail. Many looked on him with pity when he quietly submitted himself into the hands of the officers. After he was placed in jail, he prayed, danced and talked in tones, and he sang on the outside shouted and prayed until they turned him out.

We are going to Rocky Hill church to start a meeting and we desire an interest in the prayers of the saints.

Yours for lost souls,
W. W. Bohannon.

Carnesville, Ga.

Mr. A. J. Tomlinson,
Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me a few copies of your valuable paper to give to my friends. They are in such need of the true light, and I think the paper will do them as much good as to give them tracts. It is so instructive. I believe it is far better than any other paper I have ever read. I thank God that He sent it to us.

Please pray for me and my family that we may receive the blessings that the Lord has for us, and may soon step into the Church of God family and work hard for Him, or that He might work in us and through our work, souls might be saved.

May God bless you and the entire Church of God everywhere. Amen.

R. J. Bruce.

Thank you, brother, for the good word for the Evangel. We take pleasure in supplying you.—E. L.

Bartow, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name.

I am still praising God for His goodness to me. I just can't thank and praise Him enough, because my sins are under the blood. The Comforter still abides. Glory to God!

I have a great determination to go on with Jesus than ever before. I want more power to fight sin and the devil. I am praising God for healing my body; was suffering with influenza, came very near dying. I trusted the Lord all the way through and He wonderfully healed me.

I know this old time religion will stand until Jesus comes, and I don't believe it will be long until He comes. Praise Him forever!

There are only five of us here at Bartow filled with the Spirit, but praise God, He said "where two or three are gathered together in His name" He is with them and we have some wonderful meetings.

On night one of the sisters was under the power, and handled a hot lamp shade, and held her hands in the flames.

Some of the worldly people are afraid of us. Jesus said His people are a "peculiar people."

Dear saints, please pray that the people here will be saved. They certainly need God.

Pray that I will stay low and humble at the feet of Jesus.

A letter from any of the saints will be appreciated.

Your humble sister,
Lena Lewis.

Olney, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We feel encouraged about the work here and at Bompas. God

is working. If we had some help, I believe we could open a mission here. There is a little cement Episcopal church that is idle and we are going to try to rent it.

Last spring when we were here, there was a man here that would fight and resist the Spirit. He had such a spell that he beat his head on the floor and it took six men to hold him. The doctor pronounced it Spinal Meningitis. The man now says it was resisting God.

Recently, I was led to preach how Paul fought this way and was then filled with the Holy Ghost. To our surprise this man fell into the altar with no invitation and did not rise until he was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. His face is shining and he is shouting the victory. Before, he looked so desolate and forsaken. He had been taught that he had sinned against the Holy Ghost and he believed it.

Glory to God for this wonderful salvation.

May God bless you and yours abundantly.

Yours in His service,
H. L. Trim and Wife.

Bogue, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

This is the first time that I have asked for space in the Evangel to write, the paper that I enjoy reading so well. I like to hear from my brothers and sisters scattered abroad.

I am glad that I am learning more and more about my blessed Savior. Praise His name!

I joined the Church of God ten months ago, and so glad that I am a member.

I want to press on with God each day and be ready to go when He comes, or calls.

May the Word of God, as it is being given out, go forth and be the means of convicting and converting many precious souls.

"Make me to understand the way of thy precept, so shall I talk of thy wondrous works."

Your brother in Jesus,
H. K. Russell.

Notice.

To the Churches and Saints:

Do you wish your church to grow in spirituality, love, and influence? Do you wish to keep up with every member of the church and not advertise in the Evangel as to their whereabouts, and spiritual standing?

If so, then divide up into little bands. I have some neat little pamphlets giving detail instructions. Every member in the church should have one and sign their names to the contract; strictly keep all the rules and you can't help but grow in favor with God and His church.

Brother Tomlinson said that the "Pamphlets are fine," others have made the same remark. I will mail them to you at 30 cents per doz post paid. Do not send loose money in letter. Send money order or stamps.

Yours for Jesus,
O. M. Padgett,
Maitland, Fla.

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Saints:

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may receive the Holy Ghost before it is too late. I want to be loyal to my Master and King. We know His coming is near for we see the signs appearing that are spoken of in the Bible.

"But that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." Mark 13:32.

O. C. Morgan.

Logan, Ill.

Dear Evangel:

In spite of the epidemic of the influenza, and all the Satanic powers of the enemy we can re-

port victory at Logan. We have just closed a four weeks meeting with victory. There were six saved, nine sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost and six added to the Church of God.

Brother D. P. Barnett did most of the preaching. Brother Tony Ford was with us a few days and also Brother Gillaspie.

We have our new church paid for and will dedicate it the first Sunday in February. Brother D. P. Barnett will preach the dedicatory sermon at eleven o'clock. We are expecting a good time with the Lord. Everybody is invited. Will give the full program later.

Yours in the service,
R. A. Fielden.

Limestone, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—A Happy New Year to you and all the Saints:

This makes eight subscribers I have gotten since you asked each subscriber to get one this year. I have gotten mine, and seven to loan to some who haven't gotten one. I hope that I will soon have seven more that I can loan.

Now if there is any other way I can help the Church of God, please let me know. I am willing to help any time.

It looks like most any of the subscribers ought to get as many new subscribers as I did. It wasn't any trouble at all for me. I hope every subscriber will get as many as I did, and every paper be the means of one or two souls being saved.

I want you and all the saints to pray a special prayer for me and my family that we may receive full salvation.

We don't have the Church of God here to attend. I wish some good preacher would come to Limestone and hold a meeting.

Send me a few copies of the paper, for lots of the people want to see a copy of it before they subscribe.

I will close by saying, "I am coming again."

J. H. Raines.

Many thanks, my dear brother. We appreciate your assistance more than we can express. Hope others will be inspired to follow your example.—Ed.

Point, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise, for I feel the fire burning in my soul. I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I praise God because He is my physician. He healed me about a month ago when I was in very poor health. Praise His dear name! I do love this humble way.

I have two children who have had typhoid fever. My oldest boy wanted to trust the Lord, but husband became so uneasy that he called a doctor. The child was spared and I am sure it was the great hand of God that did the work.

Our other little boy eleven years old trusted in the Lord fully, and God spared him to us. He was not instantly healed, but every time he suffered, we would call upon the Lord and He would give him ease just in a moment. Praise God, he is now well.

Jesus is all this world to me. Praise His name!

I desire the prayers of all the saints that God will save my husband.

Your sister awaiting His coming,

Teanie Proctor.

Finley, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been living for God for two years and my trust is in Him.

I desire an interest in the prayers of the saints that I may be healed.

May God bless each one.

Your sister,
Frances Burdin.

Camp Hancock, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for the sweet assurance of knowing that I am a child of God, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." 1 Jno. 2:3. And if we keep His commandments, His love is perfected in us and we know that we are in Him.

Jesus has been a precious friend to me. I am so glad I ever heard His loving voice calling me to repentance—from a life of sin and sorrow to a life of peace, joy and holiness.

I feel so sad as I sit here in my tent and hear the boys using God's precious name in vain.

Dear boys, please remember you have to stand in the judgment and look Jesus in the face to give account of your life's work. Every idle word, evil thought and wicked deed will all be brought to light. Jesus in His mercy is pleading with you to give Him your heart. He will give you power to control your temper and passion and give you a meek and lowly heart. Jesus can comfort you in sorrow and disappointments; heal you when you are sick, for He bore our sins and sicknesses on the cross. (Matt 8:17.) Praise His holy name! He is a constant companion, you can walk and talk to Him every day, all the time and every where, even in the camp. He can give you power to keep your character clean, and to be holy in all manner of conversation.

Jesus is your best friend, He was lifted up from the earth on the cross to draw you to Him. Come to the cross and bow before Him, confessing your sins and He will forgive you, His precious blood will cleanse you, His Spirit will fill you, and He will write your name in the Lamb's Book of Life and at the judgment He will say, "Come, ye blessed of my father."

Oh, what a wonderful friend is Jesus. Sinner friend, won't you accept Him now? Many have come to Him and found Him so precious, can't you trust Him, since He has suffered and died for you?

Jesus pardoned my sins eight years ago and cleansed or sanctified me with His precious blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Since that time He has been my Healer, He is my Comforter, He gives me peace and joy and makes life happy and pleasant, even while I am here in camp.

"Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe: Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

Praise His precious name.
A soldier boy for Jesus,
Asa L. Ellis.

Beltona, Ala.

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I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel to my blessed Savior. I praise Him for the way He has blessed my home. I praise Him for the abiding Comforter, and the overflowing joy. I feel good in my soul this morning for I have peace with God. Words cannot express the joy which is mine.

I am so hungry to see souls born into the kingdom. I'll never be satisfied until I see the sweet face of Jesus. We must keep the divine flame of love glowing in our souls until the world can feel the influence, and that those with whom we come in contact will be drawn by its magnetic power to seek a higher life. We ought to let the love light shine in our eyes, our lips speak words of love. We should always be ready to help those in need.

I am glad I found this precious way. I watched my sister's life and I wanted to be like her. By reading God's Word, I found that she was trying to be like Jesus.

(Dear ones, if we want to win

souls for Jesus, we must live the life.

Dear saints please pray that God will give us a house in which to worship, and that the people will be made hungry to get to God. Also pray for me that I may be more and more like Jesus.

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